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Marketing and Regulatory Programs

FV-217

Fruit and Vegetable Programs

Agricultural Marketing Service

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Washington, DC 20250

Concentrated Fruit Juice for Manufacturing, Announcement FV-217, Invitation 007

New vendors and subcontractors must supply all required paperwork (Appendix 1,

Financial Statement, and 3 Reference Letters). In addition, <u>all</u> vendors must also be registered in the CCR, within 48 hours after bid opening or your company may be

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) invites offers to sell concentrated fruit juices for manufacturing as indicated below and per the Announcement for distribution to child nutrition and other domestic food assistance programs. Offers are due by 1 p.m., Central time, Thursday, March 25, 2004. Acceptances will be announced by midnight, April 1, 2004. Deliveries are to be made from April 16, 2004 through May 31, 2004.

Offers are invited from the trade for:

Frozen Concentrated Orange Juice for Manufacturing in Tanker

280,800 pounds solid

- No offer will be made to 8(a) vendors on this invitation.
- Please Note: If you cannot meet the first delivery period do not bid on it.
- Manufacturer's own commercially packaged and labeled product is acceptable as long as it meets all of the requirements of the Food and Drug Administration and contains an identification code that allows for traceability of the product.
- All invitations with orders for the state of New York, must have the pack date stamped on the outside of each carton. The pack date should be annotated as per the following example: (05/01/2003). Orders for the state of New York requiring the special marking will be indicated by (**). This applies to New York orders "Only," if and when they appear on an invitation.
- On "BKLYN/CEN ISLIP NY" destinations, shippers are instructed to call the contact person on the Notice to Deliver first prior to making an appointment, so that they can be directed to which warehouse they will ship the product.



Vendors doing business with USDA are required to be registered in the Central Contractor Registration (CCR) system before being awarded contracts. If the Offeror is not registered in the CCR database within 48 hours after bid opening, offers will be deemed non-responsive.

Assignees shall be separately registered in the CCR database. Once a contract has been awarded, the Contractor shall not change the name or address for Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT) payments in the CCR record for the purpose of assignment of claims.

Offerors may obtain information on CCR registration and annual renewal requirements via the Internet at http://www.ccr.gov or by calling 1-888-227-2423 or 269-961-5757.

Bids must be submitted electronically via the Domestic Electronic Bid Entry System (DEBES) on the internet. Offerors who submit bids using other than DEBES, will be deemed non-responsive. Offeror must be assigned a Logon ID by USDA to access the site. The Internet address is: http://pcsd.usda.gov/debes which translates into a connection of https://pcsd.usda.gov:3077/mdbc1000.exe? Once connected, follow the online procedures. A "HELP" button provides detailed instructions for using the system or call 202-720-4517 for assistance.

Bidders are cautioned to bid only quantities they can reasonably expect to produce and deliver in accordance with the contract. Split shipments are indicated by a single asterisk. Inquiries about Announcement FV-217, Appendix-1, the Commodity Specification for Concentrated Fruit Juices for Manufacturing dated December 2000, or this Invitation should be directed to the Contracting Officer, USDA/AMS/ Fruit and Vegetable Programs, Commodity Procurement Branch STOP 0239, 1400 Independence Avenue, S.W., Washington, DC 20250-9410, telephone (202) 720-4517. An electronic version of this invitation can be obtained through the world wide web via the Commodity Procurement Home Page at http://www.ams.usda.gov/cp.

Purchases will be made on a delivered to destination basis, subject to Announcement FV-217, to the listed locations. Delivery by trucks or railcars is optional to the contractor, except for those destination(s) which specify delivery by truck only or rail only.

ANNOUNCEMENT : FV217 INVITATION : 007

COMM GROUP : 29 FRUIT JUICE, FRZ, BULK

COMM TYPE : 10 FCOJ-MANUFACTURING PACK SIZE : 10 TANKERS

ITEM NO	DESTINAT CITY		TRANS RESTR		PRICE PER (LBS)
DELIVERY PERIOD 04/16/04 - 04/30/04					
001	TAMPA	FL	TRUCK ONLY	62,400	
DELIVERY PERIOD 05/01/04 - 05/15/04					
002	TAMPA	FL	TRUCK ONLY	31,200	
003	HOPKINS	MN	TRUCK ONLY	62,400	
DELIVERY PERIOD 05/16/04 - 05/31/04					
004	TAMPA	FL	TRUCK ONLY	31,200	
005	HOPKINS	MN	TRUCK ONLY	93,600	
TOTAL QUANTITY FOR COMMODITY TYPE				280,800	
TOTAL QUANTITY FOR INVITATION				280,800	

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Contracting Officer

Commodity Procurement Branch

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